

FOR HER DEARSAKE

Some of the City's Notable
Charitable Institutions.

THE GOOD THEY ARE DOING

The Soldier's Home, the Masonic Home,
the U. B. A., St. Mark's, the Em-
erson and Children's Homes.

Grand Rapids is a city of charities. Not perhaps in the broadest sense of the term. It's left hand generally keeps pretty close "tab" on the movements of its right hand. Its almsgiving and its donations are generally for specially selected purposes rather than for broad and unrestricted charities; but no nobler institutions are to be found in the country than some of those in this city.

At the head of them all, and the peer of anything in the state or nation, stands the Soldier's home. Built at a total cost of nearly \$250,000, it stands as a monument to the men that sacrificed their health and life's work on the altar of their country. The main building has a frontage of 250 feet and is 120 feet deep. It is four stories high, with a tower that rises 136 feet from the ground. In connection with it are a hospital and a dormitory. The home is capable of taking care of 600 veterans. The location is one of the most beautiful spots in the state and the grounds grow more beautiful from year to year under the care bestowed upon them by the old soldiers. The home is a model one in every respect, and hundreds of veterans who otherwise would have to go to the almshouses pass the last days of their lives under its sheltering roof—not objects of charity, but objects of esteem and respect.

Masonic Home.
Near the banks of Reed's lake stands the Masonic home. It was built by the Masonic order of Michigan as a home for worthy Master Masons and their widows and orphans. The building itself is a large three-story brick of modern design and cost \$100,000. In connection with it is a hospital. It can accommodate 100 inmates, but has thus far had but few occupants. The building is beautifully furnished, and contains everything to make it a home in every sense of the word.

The oldest charitable society in the city is the Union Benevolent association. It was organized more than forty years ago. It built and maintained the pioneer hospital of the city. Later the present U. B. A. home was erected. The building stands at the corner of College avenue and Lyon street, and with the grounds cost \$50,000. The building is divided into two parts, one of which is a home for old and indigent persons, and the other is a hospital. Connected with the hospital is a training school and on the grounds is a home for the nurses. Several classes of trained nurses have been graduated. The graduates usually attend to cases in private families, the work at the hospital being performed by the students under the supervision of a superintendent of nurses. An addition to the hospital, containing a new operating room, surgical and obstetrical wards, is being finished.

St. Mark's Hospital.
St. Mark's hospital is one of the most thoroughly equipped institutions of its kind in the state. It is located at the corner of Bostwick and Bridge streets. The building is a three-story red brick and cost \$70,000. The hospital is conducted under the auspices of St. Mark's Episcopal church. Its rooms are beautifully furnished and its wards are roomy and pleasant. Its operating room is one of the most convenient in the country. The hospital maintains a training school for nurses, twenty-five students being in attendance. On the grounds north of the hospital the Kendall home for nurses is being erected. It is a beautiful little structure and will cost when completed in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

On Bostwick street is located the Woman's home and hospital. It is maintained by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and is for the relief of unfortunate and fallen women. Its doors are open to women of all classes who are in distress and are in need of temporary aid and assistance. It also cares for life inmates. The building which the home occupies was recently purchased by the Union of Women and the indebtedness is being rapidly paid.

The Emerson Home.
Several years ago George Young, one of the dissolute women of the city, reformed and turned her house of prostitution on Waterloo street into a home for her unfortunate and sinking sisters. The house is a home of a circle of King's Daughters. Last summer it was decided that the efforts of the home would be more successful if it was removed from the degenerate influences of Waterloo street. A building was purchased at the corner of Jefferson and Lafayette avenues, away from the depravity and demoralization of the former location. The home has several inmates, the methods pursued in the institution being similar to those adopted at all Magdalene asylums.

Similar in object to the Emerson home is the Rescue home located on the west side of the river. The home is maintained by another circle of King's Daughters and is under the supervision of a matron from the Salvation Army. It has done much toward raising women from a life of shame and turning the footsteps of abandoned women of the street into honorable channels.

Home for the Children.
By no means the least of local charities is the Children's home, maintained by an incorporated association of charitable women. The institution is maintained for the benefit of homeless and neglected children, and many are the waifs that have received the protection and care of a real home underneath its roof. Last July the society bought the Clark homestead on Cherry street and vacated the building on South Lafayette street that had formerly been used for a home. The house has been refitted and remodeled; it is located in one of the best neighborhoods of the city; and the little inmates of the home are reared amid the best and most lofty surroundings.

Some of the largest institutions for charity in the city are maintained by the Catholic church. St. John's orphan asylum was erected through the munificent bequest of the late John Clancy. It cost \$100,000 and is situated on a ten acre tract on East Leonard street. The home has about fifty little inmates, who would otherwise grow up without care or protection. The United Roman Catholic churches of the city maintain the home for the aged poor under the order of the Little Sisters of the Poor. The building is situated on South Lafayette street and is a large wing of the edifice is ready for use. When the asylum is completed it will cost \$100,000.

SCAMPED PUBLIC JOBS.

A City Inspector Discharged and Contractor Called Down.

Superintendent Davis reported to the board of public works yesterday that complaint had been made to him that the lateral in Hollister street sewer had not been laid deep enough. He ordered the contractor to dig down so he could see the depth of one of the laterals. When he arrived to view the work he found evidence that the whole work had been lowered. Mr. Davis then got another man to dig down to another lateral. He found it but 4 feet below the surface. The inspector on the job, Walter Orr, was immediately discharged, and the contractor was ordered to lower all the laterals. The city is owing Mr. Orr some inspector's fees, but will not settle with him until it is known how much it will cost for an inspector to have the work done again. The extra work for inspectors will be taken from Mr. Orr's pay. In East Fulton street, at the point where Coldbrook creek passes through the culvert the street has settled a foot, and may settle two feet before spring.

The report of Engineer Bates shows that 42,446.89 gallons of water have been pumped the last week, and that 140,000 pounds of coal have been used. The grade line of the following streets have been established: Fitz Hugh, Hall and Fuller, Junction, Grove, Dwight and Baldwin, Ethel avenue, Lake street, Packard street, Dennis street, Luton Court, Grove street, Rural street, Prospect avenue and Alger avenue.

The following approximate estimates were made: For traveling Paris avenue from Mills street to Fifth avenue, \$2,940. For traveling College avenue from Mills street to Fifth avenue, \$3,039.

ENDING OF THE SESSION.

Missions and Sunday Schools Discussed at Church of Christ.

The third day of the Michigan Christian Missionary association convention opened with devotional exercises, conducted by M. B. Rawson and J. W. Humphrey, followed with a paper on "The Sunday School Normal." Marsh H. Sorrick, president of the Y. P. S. C. E. of Grand Rapids, read a paper on the "Relation of the Sunday School to the Y. P. S. C. E." The session ended with a discussion on the duties of parents in Sunday school work, which was taken part in by G. A. Willett, W. W. Chalmers, M. B. Rawson and J. W. Humphrey.

At 2 o'clock W. H. Bellamy led the devotional exercises, and C. A. Preston read an excellent paper on "Church and Mission Finances." He was followed by C. W. Fellows with a paper on "The Duties of Individual Christians" and a reading by Mrs. Frank Church, entitled "O Work." It was decided to hold the next session at Wayland.

G. A. Willett conducted the devotional exercises last night and L. W. Spayd, state evangelist, preached the sermon. He took his text from Act 5, 1 to 10, and preached an eloquent sermon on the necessity of keeping nothing from Christ, on penalty of being cursed as were the subjects of the text.

The program for today is: Morning Session—Sermon, J. W. Humphrey. Lord's Supper—Sunday School. Evening Session—Y. P. S. C. E. Leader—W. W. Chalmers. Sermon, J. W. Humphrey. Offering for the state work. Today at 10:30 J. W. Humphrey will preach at the Church of Christ. In the evening W. W. Chalmers will lead the Y. P. S. C. E. meeting and J. W. Humphrey will again preach.

TOLERABLY HIGH TAXES.

Large Public Improvements Have Increased the Taxes.

The following statement shows the net increase of taxation in the city for the year over the year 1901:

City Taxes—Increase—General fund, \$22,990; John Ball park, \$1,000; police headquarters, \$22,335.24; Wealthy avenue bridge, \$4,300; Sixth ward engine house, \$736.35; Madison avenue engine house, \$2,071.82; highway fund, \$11,250; interest on city hall bonds, \$3,750; interest on water works bonds, \$15,908.78; principal, \$25,000; total, \$107,326.29.

Decrease—Lamp fund, \$25,000; police department, \$12,020.87; fire department, \$8,179.82.

Total—\$45,200.69.

Net increase in city taxes—\$62,125.55. State, \$25,422.42; school, \$31,800; poor house, \$13,577; soldiers' relief, \$500.

Total—\$32,648.99.

Decrease—County—\$5,150.

Net increase—\$27,493.99.

Total net increase—\$90,650.49.

The average rate of tax in 1901 was \$28 per \$100. The average rate for 1902 is \$31.82. The assessed valuation has been, however, extremely low. Taxation is a penalty of being in a progressive community and the increase above shown is largely due to new police and engine houses and other public improvements aside from the special street improvements.

Scattering Statistics.
Grand Rapids contains 1,734 square

miles and has 170 miles of streets, eighty miles being paved and paved. It has eighty-five miles of water mains owned by the city and twenty miles owned by a private company. It has sixty miles of sewers and fifty miles of gas mains, 1,000 miles of telephone wire and nearly 1,500 telephones in use. There are thirty-seven public school buildings and over 500 teachers. The public library contains some 30,000 volumes. The estimated cash value of school property is \$1,087,000. The cost of instruction is \$157,000. The enrollment of pupils is 18,000 and the cost per capita for education is \$29. There are 3,500 pupils in non-public schools. The estimated population according to the school census is 86,000. The city's bonded indebtedness is \$1,867,000, of which \$367,000 is in school bonds, \$912,000 in water works bonds, \$150,000 in city hall bonds and \$400,000 in special street improvement loans and \$88,000 school bonds assumed by annexation.

WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Jacob Thebing Struck Heavily by a Motor Car.

Jacob Thebing was struck by Wealthy avenue car No. 87 at the corner of Cherry and Lagrave streets yesterday afternoon and was seriously injured. He alighted from a south bound car and stepped directly in front of a car going north. He was thrown to the ground, injuring his arm and shoulder and cutting his scalp seriously.

The ambulance was sent, but Mr. Thebing was able to go to his home at No. 304 Cherry street, only a block distant. Dr. Locher and Kelley were called and dressed his wounds. He suffered a severe concussion of the brain, but the doctors were unable to tell whether the skull was fractured or not. They hope to save his life. Those who saw the accident say the motorman did all he could to stop his car after Mr. Thebing stepped in front of it.

LARGE LOCOMOTIVE CONTRACT.

The G. R. & I. Purchases Twenty-three Wood Locomotives.

A contract was filed with the city clerk yesterday by which the Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad company agrees to pay \$247,153.12 for the rental and purchase of twenty-three locomotives owned by the Burnham, Williams & Co. locomotive works. They are purchased on a four year contract, and have been in use on the G. R. & I. for six months.

A Sewing Machine Free.

A \$65 machine, sold by us at \$11.00 to \$25.50, will be placed in your home to use, without cost of one cent to you. Cut this advertisement out and send with address today to Alvin Manufacturing Company, Chicago, Ill.

At a Low Figure.

The Western Beef and Provision company offer better inducements to a buyer than any firm in the same business in the city. Try them once and be convinced.

Handsome Holiday Goods.

While out selecting your presents for Christmas, do not forget that at Groskopf Bros. wholesale and retail dealers in traveling bags, trunks, etc., Canal street, will be found a fine line of goods, each article of which would make an acceptable Christmas present. Besides this firm's extensive line of traveling bags and trunks, they are showing some elegant novelties in toilet goods and manicure sets. As ready prices, Groskopf Bros. are the lowest.

Right in Line.

Jim Travis is right in line with something of everything under the sun. If you want a stove, a piece of furniture, a piece of machinery, dumb-bells, tinware, cooking utensils, or anything your mind can think of, you can secure such at rock bottom figures at Jim Travis' "old curio shop" on Canal street.

Reliable Goods.

E. J. Hervey, the jeweler, No. 6 Canal street, is reaping a rich harvest these days, as regards business. His store seems to be headquarters for those anxious to secure handsome Christmas novelties. Mr. Hervey is showing a very large line of goods, most of which are new purchases. The attention of the public is asked to Mr. Hervey's stock of gold and gold filled watches, diamonds, chains, rings, lockets, opera glasses, silverware, etc.

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Holiday goods closing out at prices that must sell them at Corl, Knott & Co's.

Zierleyn & Carstens.

It is now the festive time of winter when ladies are looking for catchy gifts to bestow upon husbands, sons, fathers and other dearer fellows.

What is more appropriate than more likely to please the bestowee at such a time than a fine charm; an L. O. O. F., a Masonic, a K. O. T. M. or a K. of M. charm for the watch chain? It will charm the lucky man, and he will watch for the approach of the generous donor as her feet step along the pavement. It will result in a well regulated understanding and other things too numerous to mention. But if it is not a charm you are looking for you can find diamonds, watches, jewelry of every kind and style that jeweler Zierleyn & Carstens, Monroe street. They are headquarters for fine clocks, time-brace, hollow ware, knives, forks, spoons—everything that goes under the head of a first class jewelry store. Make a Christmas present to your soul by taking it there to revel in an ecstasy of delightful impressions for an hour. It will pay you.

Buy the Newman Bros' organ at Campman's. The best organ on the market.

A fine assortment of ladies' caps and head-dresses at Adams & Co., No. 90 Monroe street.

White & White, open all night, that's right, that's right. They have the most complete and beautiful pharmacy in Grand Rapids. They have the most complete line of drugs and druggists' sundries that the city ever contained.

Buy the Washburn guitar at Campman's, 182 East Fulton street.

Holiday perfumes in cut glass. Thompson's, No. 84 Canal and No. 166 West Bridge streets.

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Buy the Stewart banjo at Campman's, No. 182 East Fulton street.

Biven & Allen, No. 106 Canal street, headquarters for oysters, fish and

The Lily of the Valley.

What is it makes young ladies bright? Tunes their hearts with pure delight.

The only thing for which they'll fight, Lily White.

What is it makes dear grandma grin, And makes old grandpa wipe his chin, As if he were well pleased with it? Lily White.

What is it makes the mother's face Light up with a celestial grace, And papa ready for a race? Lily White.

What is it makes the children dear So fresh and rosy to appear? Why, that is nothing very queer, 'Tis Lily White.

'Tis that which makes the merchants' till With gold and silver quickly fill, Because the people must and will, Have Lily White.

What is this famous Lily White, That fills all classes with delight, And makes them happy, gay and bright? 'Tis Flour Lily White.

Who is it makes this famous brand So well beloved throughout the land, So constantly in great demand? 'Tis Messrs. Swenson, Crosby, Rowe, The Valley City Milling Co., Who make the LILY thrive and grow. A. B. M.

LOOK FOR THE GRAND

Opening of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company.

The grand opening of the great Atlantic and Pacific Tea company takes place Monday, December 19 and is to last all the week. Be sure to get one of those handsome panel pictures entitled "Good Morning." These pictures are given away to all purchasers. Look for their advertisement in the Sunday papers giving full description of the picture.

Remember the place, No. 108 Monroe street.

Masonic Notice.

A special communication of Grand River lodge No. 35, F. & A. Masons will be held at Masonic hall on Sunday, December 18, 1902, at 1 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, Don G. Crawford, at which all Master Masons in good standing are cordially invited to be present. By order of the W. M., L. A. ROGERS, Sec'y.

Prof. D. A. DeMasetti, the great harp soloist, every evening, afternoon and evening at Eaton, Lyon & Co's.

Remember we are first hands on all kinds of office furniture. Roll Top desks, \$20. The best desk in the world for the money.

NEELSON, MATTER & CO., 33 to 39 Canal street.

Corl, Knott & Co. will keep their place of business open evenings.

Kramer, the photographer, No. 334 South Division street, offers this week a 14x17 pastel portrait and a dozen best finish cabinet for \$5.

Segel's Cloak store will be open every evening until after Christmas.

Oysters at Dettenthaler's. They are received fresh daily.

Holiday Excursion Rates.

The G. R. & I. will sell excursion tickets from and to all ticket stations for the holiday season at rate of one and one-third fare. Selling days, December 24, 25, 26 and 31, 1902, and January 1 and 2, 1903. Good going only on date of sale and for return until January 3, 1903. The above rates will also apply to Chicago & Cincinnati.

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Buy a Christmas present at No. 50 Canal street. Trunks, traveling bags, toilet sets, leather novelties, robes, blankets, etc., make suitable presents.

Chamber suites, sideboards, hall racks, parlor furniture, bookcases, folding beds, everything in furniture. NEELSON, MATTER & CO., 33 to 39 Canal street.

A tasteful parlor has been opened at No. 13 Bridge street, "The Hermitage," corner Canal and East Bridge streets. It is thoroughly equipped and is presided over by a thoroughly competent barber. The establishment will be used for the benefit of the guests of "The Hermitage" and the public in general. A bath room is run in connection.

A pastel portrait, 14x17, and a dozen cabinets at Kramer's, No. 334 South Division street, this week only \$5. Come quick. Have it for Christmas.

Try the new painless method of filling teeth by Robinson Dental Co., No. 65 Monroe street.

Mr. J. C. Boswell, one of the best known and most respected citizens of Brownwood, Texas, suffered with diarrhoea for a long time and tried many different remedies without benefit, until Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was used, that relieved him at once. For sale by F. J. Wurzburg, druggist, 68 Monroe street.

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